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Dear Sir:

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-6, 9-16, 19-26 and 29-40 are allowed over the prior art. This recognition of allowable subject matter is acknowledged and appreciated.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I certify that this Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, addressed to: MAIL STOP Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below. transmitted via facsimile under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the date indicated below. deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Express Mail Label No.: Signature

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However, while the Applicants agree that the claims are allowable, the Applicants do not concede that the claims are only allowable for the precise reasons stated by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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